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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Claims Nos.: 8-17, 36-45, 56 (part), 57 (part)

Present claims 8-57 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds and compositions. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, claims 8-57 so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of claims 18 (Formula II), 46 and 49.

The subject matter of claims 1-7 has been searched completely.

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